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Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority.

Whereas the economic competitiveness of the Nation depends on strong science, mathematics, and technology capabilities throughout the workforce;

Whereas the need for improvement in education is acute in the areas of science, mathematics, and technology;

Whereas our national competitiveness strategy must include the goals of—

(1) ensuring that all young persons achieve a level of technological literacy adequate to prepare them for the demands of a scientific and technologically oriented society; and

(2) fulfilling the need for a deep pool of talented American leaders in science and technological research and development;

Whereas numerous research reports indicate the Nation is not achieving these goals;

Whereas the most recent United States National Assessment of Educational Progress reveals that a majority of those 17 years of age are poorly equipped for informed citizenship and productive performance in the workplace;

Whereas by 2016, 35.4 percent of our workforce will be comprised of minority workers, and 46.6 percent will be women; and

Whereas women and minorities continue to be underserved by and underrepresented in science and mathematics: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) this Nation should dedicate its resources to
4 the development of a broad pool of citizens who are
5 functionally literate in science, mathematics, and
6 technology;

7 (2) a national science education policy in the
8 coming decade should address the crucial need areas
9 of—

(B) actively involving National Science Foundation involvement in curriculum development with strong emphasis on reinforcing science and mathematics concepts at each grade level; and

(3) this national challenge can be met through strong leadership from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; other Federal, State, and local governments; and with long-term commitments from the civic, business, and engineering communities.

Passed the House of Representatives June 4, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.